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Dear Andy

EDB Productivity Study

- 1. This is a submission from the Major Electricity Users' Group (MEUG) providing feedback on the Cambridge Economic Policy Associates Pty Ltd (CEPA) draft report "*EDB Productivity Study*" commissioned by the Commerce Commission (Commission) and published for feedback on 27 March 2024.
- 2. MEUG members have been consulted on the approach to this submission. Members may lodge separate submissions. This submission does not contain any confidential information and can be published on Commission's website unaltered.

NZIER review of draft report

- 3. MEUG has commissioned NZIER to prepare a short report that comments on the key themes of the CEPA report and the implications that this report has for the Commission's decisions for the DPP4 reset for regulated EDBs. NZIER compares the CEPA approach and results to recent studies in Australia and the United Kingdom and provides some suggestions for next steps.
- 4. A copy of NZIER's report is provided in **Attachment 1**.
- 5. MEUG would welcome the opportunity to meet with Commission staff to understand how this work will or can be incorporated into the approach for the DPP4 reset.

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¹ CEPA-EDB-productivity-study-draft-report-March-2024.pdf (comcom.govt.nz)



Next steps

6. If you have any questions regarding our feedback or the NZIER report, please contact MEUG on or via email at

Yours sincerely



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